

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-902

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common William Wallace house

2. Location

street & number Talbot Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Claiborne ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Cornelius S. Shores

street & number telephone no.: 745-3176

city, town Claiborne state and zip code MD 21624

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 234

street & number folio 36

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William Wallace house is located on the north side of Talbot Street in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. The Wallace house faces south, with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built by 1912, this two-and-a-half story frame structure is sheathed in white asbestos shingles and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of brick piers.

The south (main) elevation has a two-and-a-half story gable end wing as the western most bay. This bay is lit on the first and second floors by one set of two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds. The upper half story is lit by one square, colored glass window. The main body of the house has an open porch with turned supports, decorative brackets, and a bright green ceiling which stretches across the first floor and wraps around to the east side of the house. The first floor of the house's main body is pierced by one single-light over single-panel door. An interior brick chimney rises from the center of the roof.

The west elevation is lit by two one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds on both the first and second floors. This elevation has a small central gable at the attic level lit by a square, colored glass window.

The north elevation has a projecting, one-story, gable roof addition, probably a summer kitchen, as the eastern most bay. One interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this structure which is lit on the west side by one one-over-one sash window with narrow surrounds. The central bay of this elevation is an entrance door with a central glass pane, one wood panel above, and three below. One one-over-one sash window with wide surrounds lights the first and second storys of the western, gable end, and the attic story is lit by one square colored glass window.

The east elevation has a porch which stretches across the first floor from the south facade and is lit by four one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds. The second floor is lit by three one-over-one sash windows with wide surrounds, and the central gable at the attic level is lit by a square, colored glass window. A one-story, gable roof addition extends to the north of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

William Wallace was an engineer on the B.C.&A. Railroad. He had built this house by 1912 when it is shown on the Claiborne Plat of that year. Eventually Wallace moved to Ocean City. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Shores moved into this house the year they were married and have lived here ever since.

The remains of a cement sidewalk which once stretched along both sides of Talbot Street borders the road in front of the Wallace home. Like most homes on the north side of Claiborne's main street, this large structure has a gravel drive perpendicular to the main street and a backyard which extends to a farmer's field. The Wallace house is well planted with trees.

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William Wallace house Description cont'd.

There are two outbuildings on the property, both of which are sheathed in white, vertical weatherboard and roofed with green tin. One of these is currently used as a garage.

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Claiborne
Annapolis Quadrangle



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1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
roads and boundaries)



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WILLIAM WALLACE HOUSE

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